



WHITE DEVIL FAMILY READINESS GROUP BRIEFING



AGENDA



- **WELCOME**

**LTC Donovan
(Battalion Commander)**

- **FINANCES**

**SFC Johnson
(CFNCO)**

- **LEGAL**

CPT Krynicki

- **ARMY COMMUNITY
SERVICE**

**Ellen Bowman
(ACS Representative)**

- **RELIGIOUS SUPPORT**

**CPT Moore
(Battalion Chaplain)**

- **CLOSING REMARKS**

**LTC Donovan
(Battalion Commander)**



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LTC Donovan

- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **Training events prior to deployment**
- **Deployment overview**
- **FRG discussion**
- **Introduce company FRG Reps**



KEY DATES

Large Package Week - 13-14 Jan

**Platoon LFX - 08-16 Feb (no weekend
TNG)**

CERTEX- 22 FEB - 06 Mar

Large Package Week - 14-18 Mar



WHAT IS A FAMILY READINESS GROUP (FRG)?

- Organization of family members, volunteers, and soldiers.
- Provide information and assistance to each other.



FRGs ARE NOT....

- **An answering service**
- **A taxi or bus service**
- **A loan or welfare agency**
- **An entertainment group**
- **A private club**
- **A radical activist organization**
- **A recipe of the month group**
- **A religious activity cell**



PURPOSE OF FRG

Assists family members, soldiers, and their units during everyday activities, deployments, and emergencies.

The purpose of OUR FRG is threefold:

1. Establish an effective means to disseminate important information to family members,
2. Help solve problems.
3. Render support to families when the soldier is deployed.

Overall, try to ease the stress on everyone when soldiers are deployed.



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PRIMARY GOALS **ERG** Help families become self-sufficient.

- Pass information to family members.
- Hold meetings / activities / social events.
- Provide information regarding child care.
- Maintain confidential lists of spouse's name and addresses, as well as for single soldiers.
- Create a family-type environment for the Battalion that gives family members a sense of belonging.



Our Family Readiness Group will be successful if...

- 1. Spouses and unit representatives work closely together and share ideas and responsibilities.**
- 2. Participate in the FRG because family members are an important link and part of our Battalion and its' activities.**

Please JOIN us!! I think you'll like the experience and we'll all benefit from your participation.



COMPANY FRG REPS



Alpha Betsy Pedroza

Bravo Kathryn Teague

Charlie Amy Shouse

Delta Maria Stitzel

HHC Keri Reed

**Christine Wilson- Family Readiness
Assistant**

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Legal Assistance

- 82D ABN DIV LAO: Located at Gavin Hall RM# 273
- Phone #: 432-0195
- Office Hours: M,T,F=0900-1630; TH=0900-1600; W=1300-1630
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Legal Assistance

- The FRG mission is “to assist commanders in maintaining readiness of soldiers, families, and communities within the Army by promoting self-sufficiency, resiliency, and stability during peace and war.”—Ft. Bragg Family Readiness Leader’s Handbook.

Legal Assistance





Legal Assistance

- What are the legal resources available to you?
 - Internet—Google, Army JAGC Legal Assistance page, LAMP (ABA and NC), and very soon 82d LA Webpage
 - Brigade Personnel and Administration Center (PAC)—CFNCO and 27D.
 - Division Legal Assistance Office—Licensed attorneys specializing in military related issues.



Legal Assistance

Goal of This Brief

- Educate you on a few legal issues and empower you with the knowledge to deal with them.
- Knowledge is power. *(Internet, PAC, DIV)
- Focus: Legal Readiness, *e.g.* POAs, Estate Planning, SCRA and helpful tips.



Legal Assistance

Power of Attorneys (POAs)

- An instrument granting someone authority to act as an agent or attorney-in-fact for the grantor.
- Durable—A POA that remains in effect during the grantor's incompetency.
- General v. Special



Legal Assistance

General Rules

- A business is under no legal obligation to accept. So, confirm it will before deployment.
- Don't grant more than needed, as this is not only dangerous, but may make less useful.
- The Agent **must** have physical possession of the original POA in order to use it.



Legal Assistance

Estate Planning

- The preparation for the distribution and management of a person's estate at death through the use of wills, trusts, and insurance policies.
- Don't rely on SRP.
- Joint Estate Planning—Trustees and Guardians.
- Plan for injury, as well as death, through the use of a durable medical POA and living will.



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SCRA

- Signed into law 19 DEC 03 and provides a number of protections to servicemembers, such as:
- Stay of court hearings if service significantly interferes with ability to defend



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SCRA

- Break leases for TCS/deployment: <90 days = residential; <180 days = motor vehicle. *(Legally must have orders to give proper notice.)
- 6% interest cap on pre-service loans and obligations
- Requires court action before a SM's family can be evicted from a rental property for nonpayment of rent if monthly payment is below \$1200



Legal Assistance

Helpful Tips

- Blended Families: Consent or Court Order.
- Use the Predeployment Checklists Available Online.
- SCRA doesn't apply to criminal cases.
- Credit Protection—Fraud Alerts.
- More money, but should be spending less. Common Sense still applies—Don't spend more than you make.



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Helpful Tips

- Use your resources: Internet, PAC, Division LA
- Emergencies: FRG, AER, Legal Resources
- AER: CFNCO (Command Finance NCO) should have the packet. The D-Rear Command must sign off on the packet/form (DA Form 1103). The loan counselor is the final approval authority, but rely on command input.



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Finances



Entitlements

- Combat Zone Tax Exclusion (CZTE)
- Hostile Fire Pay: \$225.00/month
- Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS): \$254.46/month
- Family Separation Allowance (FSA): \$250.00/month
- Incidental Per Diem (upon return): \$3.50/day
- Parachute Pay \$150.00/month
- Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH)

Financial pitfalls to avoid

Financial assistance in an emergency



CHAPLAIN

CH (CPT) Sean Moore

Chaplain's Assistant

PV2 Hughston

432-1549





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Worship Opportunities

- Community
- Support
- Spiritual Vitality

Fort Bragg hosts a variety of
weekly services to suit you.
(see handout)



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Counseling Services

- a. CH Moore - 432-1549
- b. CH West – Family Life Chaplain,
396-6564
- c. Off-post counselors - See
TRICARE Rep

Confidential, Safe, Relevant &
Flexible



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Watter's Center for Family Life
And Religious Education
(Corner of Knox & Randolph)

396-6564

- Counseling – CH West, Family Life CH
- Marriage Enrichment Workshops – Third Friday monthly
- Divorce Recovery



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Division Food Locker

Sponsored By:

Division Chaplain Office

Access through your Unit Chaplain

432-1549



CHAPLAIN

Rear Detachment Chaplain

CH (MAJ) Nelson

- Office – 432 5094
- Cell – (910) 670 2584
- Staff Duty



ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

Deployment and Mobilization





CLOSING REMARKS

LTC Donovan



FUTURE PREDEPLOYMENT TRAINING DATES

- 21MARCH @ 6:00PM
- 22MARCH @ 12:00PM
- 30MARCH @ 6:00PM-Crime Prevention Briefing with Fayetteville Police Dept, Cumberland County Sheriff and Fort Bragg Military Police